



The Unemployment Situation on Guam: June 2024

The unemployment rate in Guam for June 2024 was 4.0 percent, unchanged from the March 2024 figure, and from unemployment rate of one year ago in June 2023.

The total number of persons unemployed in June 2024 was 2,710, virtually unchanged in the latest quarter and over the year. The March 2024 statistics continue the general trend of reduced numbers of unemployed persons along with lower unemployment rates since the pandemic high figures occurred in December 2020. Typhoon Mawar pummeled Guam on May 25, 2023 and temporarily depressed employment as well as the number of persons looking for work.

Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over in June 2024 was 122,900. The covered civilian population is comprised of those in the labor force and those not in the labor force.

The June 2024 unemployment rate reflected essentially no change in the number of persons unemployed, however there was a slight increase in the number of persons that were out of the labor force. The number of persons not in the labor force increased from 52,540 in June 2023 to 54,380 in June 2024.

The labor force participation rate, the civilian labor force as a fraction of the civilian population age 16 years of age and over, declined to 55.7 percent in June 2024 from 57.3 percent in June 2023.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data on labor force, employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its Current Labor Force Statistics program. These periodic surveys of the population are conducted with a scientifically selected sample of households designed to represent the civilian non-institutional population. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and over. The inquiry relates to activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th of the month. This is known as the survey week. Actual field interviewing is conducted in the following weeks. Survey data was collected in four panels in March, June, September and December. The June 2024 published information is an average of the most recent four quarterly samples.

Inmates of institutions, members of the Armed Forces, civilian living in military installations and housings, persons under 16 years of age, and nonimmigrant aliens are not covered in the periodic enumerations and are excluded from this report. Included in this report are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands, who are authorized by the Compact of Free Association to accept employment in the United States and also, citizens of the Republic of Palau which are authorized to accept employment through the Covenant with the U.S. in October 1994.

Employed persons comprise (a) all those within the scope of the survey who, during the survey week did any work at all as paid employees, in their own business, profession, or farm or who worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those were not working but who had jobs or business from which they were absent because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labor-management dispute, or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid by their employers for the time off, and whether or not they were seeking other jobs.

Each employed person is counted only once. For those who hold more than one job, the job which they worked the greatest number of hours during the reference period is the one counted.

Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around the house (such as, own home housework, and painting or repairing own home) or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and similar organizations.

Unemployed persons comprise of all persons within the scope of the survey, who did not work during the survey week, who made specific efforts to find a job within the past 4 weeks, and who were available for work during the survey week (except for temporary illness). Also included as unemployed are those who did not work at all, were available for work, and (a) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they were laid off; or (b) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job within 30 days.

The **civilian labor force** comprises the total of all civilians as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Not in the labor force includes all civilians within the scope of the survey 16 years and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force.

Reliability of the estimates Statistics based on the household and establishment surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. When a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimates may differ from the true population values they represent.

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TABLE 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION ON GUAM: June 2024

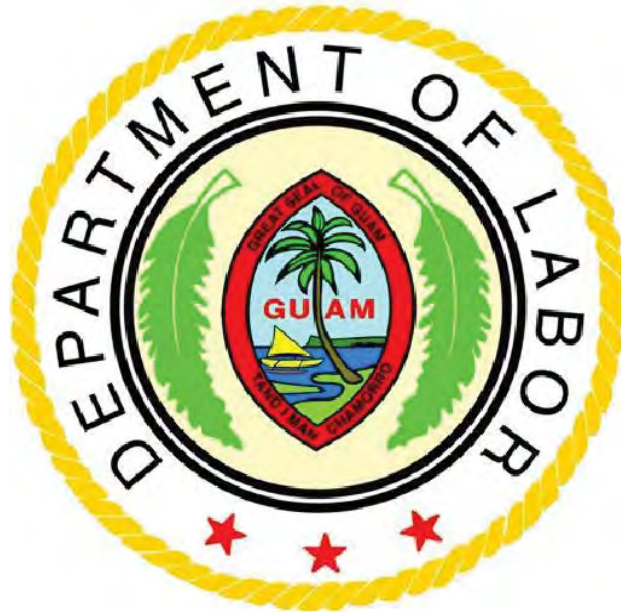
SELECTED CATEGORIES	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023	Mar 2024	Jun 2024
Total Civilian Population						
16 years of age and over	123,160	122,960	122,680	122,820	122,820	122,900
Civilian Labor Force	74,210	70,420	71,990	69,120	68,930	68,520
Total Employed	71,050	67,630	69,010	66,200	66,210	65,810
Adult women	31,970	28,510	32,230	29,630	29,630	30,330
Adult men	36,710	35,210	34,930	34,130	34,130	33,670
Teenagers	2,370	3,910	1,850	2,440	2,450	1,810
Household Heads	31,380	26,280	25,990	26,540	26,540	26,610
Full-time workers	63,940	53,660	60,490	56,610	56,610	56,980
Part-time workers	7,110	13,970	8,520	9,590	9,600	8,830
U.S. Citizens	61,580	59,240	63,900	58,130	58,130	57,450
Immigrant aliens	9,470	8,380	5,110	8,070	8,080	8,360
Veterans	7,110	5,590	5,960	5,080	5,080	5,040
Total Unemployed	3,160	2,790	2,980	2,920	2,720	2,710
Not in the Labor Force	48,950	52,540	50,690	53,700	53,890	54,380

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES%						
All Workers	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0
Adult women	3.6	5.6	3.5	4.2	3.2	2.3
Adult men	3.1	1.6	4.7	4.5	4.5	5.1
Teenagers	-	12.5	-	12.5	12.5	33.3
Household Heads	1.9	4.1	-	2.8	2.9	2.3
Full-time workers	3.6	5.0	2.7	4.2	4.2	3.5
Part-time workers	-	-	-	-	-	11.1
U.S. Citizens	2.8	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3
Immigrants Aliens	5.9	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.9

TABLE 2. EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND JOB DESIRE OF PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND REASON NOT SEEKING WORK: June 2024

CATEGORIES	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023	Mar 2024	Jun 2024
Not in the Labor Force	48,950	52,540	50,690	53,700	53,890	54,380
Did not want a job during survey period	48,360	50,390	49,420	52,420	52,610	53,490
Want job during survey period but did not look for work	590	2,150	1,280	1,280	1,280	890
Reasons for not looking for work:						
Believe no job available	590	510	-	550	550	570
Cannot find work	590	510	-	550	550	570
School attendance	-	-	420	420	420	420
Family Responsibility	590	630	-	590	600	570
Cannot arrange child care	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	850	850	700	700

NOTES: Sum of details may not equal totals due to rounding. Respondents may list more than one reason for not looking for work. For coverage of survey and definitions, refer to EXPLANATORY NOTE.



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